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Death of a Kamaaina.

In the passing away of John Phillips on Tuesday morning, Honolulu has suffered a severe loss. A good citizen, in every sense of the title, and one of the kindest, most upright of men, his death is universally lamented, although not unexpected. For the last six weeks Mr. Phillips kept the grim shadow at arm's length by sheer mental effort, but the hemorrhage of the brain, proved too deadly a malady and, surrounded by his physician, friends and family he quietly "crossed the range." John Phillips was a Scotchman by birth, leaving his native town of Glasgow for Montreal, Canada, while yet a young man. From Canada he shortly afterwards went to San Francisco,

he gained the candidacy of the Citizens' Union Ticket for the House of Representatives. Mr. Phillips was a high degree Mason having, it is said, passed to the highest attainable in Honolulu. He has held the following offices:

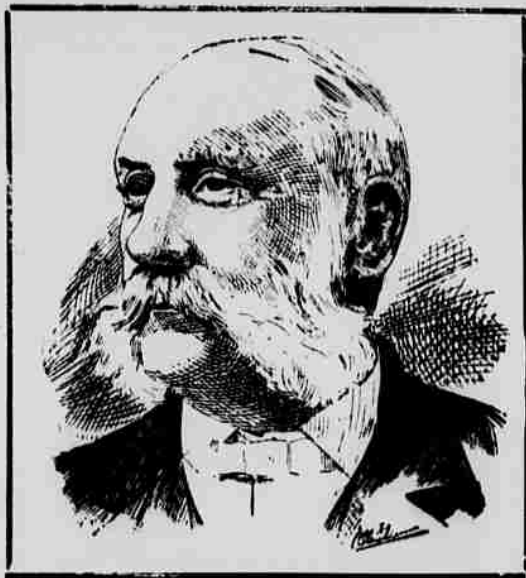
Past Master of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M.

Charter member and Past Master of Pacific Lodge No. 822, A. F. & A. M.

Past High Priest Honolulu Royal Arch Chapter.

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John Phillips' memory will be always kept green in the hearts of not only his intimates but many who benefited by his unostentatious but liberal charity. He was a man who



THE LATE JOHN PHILLIPS.

where he was appointed superintendent plumber of the Pacific wharf. Upon the advice of J. F. Gilfillan, Mr. Phillips, some twenty years ago, came to Honolulu and entered into partnership as a plumbing firm with Andrew Brown, who retired from the business in 1886, since which time the firm has been entirely under the control of Mr. Phillips.

Always, as a good citizen of the country he had adopted, prominent in action for its welfare, Mr. Phillips' services and merits were appreciated by his fellows, and in 1898 he was elected to the Council of State, while in '99, by an overwhelming majority,

held a kindly hearty interest in the world at large and believed fully in his duty to his neighbors. The funeral obsequies on Sunday will bring a crowded following of those who mourn his loss. The body has lain in state at the Masonic Temple this week and the Masons will take charge of the services. His remains will be laid in Nuuanu cemetery next to the grave of his wife. The Government send the band and a platoon of

police. Mr. Phillips was insured for \$3000. He leaves to posterity a son, Andrew, of the Water Works Department, and Mabel, his only daughter.

SEVERAL German officers have obtained permission to fight with the army in the Philippines. The Government should extend an equal privilege to Otis.

APROPOS of the editorial in the WEEKLY re the subterranean water supply, results come from an engineering party beyond Ewa that are most encouraging. At a depth of 196 feet—25 feet above sea-level—a strong 29-inch flow was struck. Such results are most encouraging for the future of the islands from a watery point of view.

DEWEY succeeds Dreyfus on the American continent, and in Europe Oom Paul is doing his level best to make the world forget the same case.

THE AUTOMOBILE has set its tire upon our shores. Whether it has come to stay remains to be seen; the present specimens seems a success, but one cannot help thinking of the unpleasantness of a possible breakdown ten or fifteen miles from the nearest re-charging or repairing point. When your motor breaks, out goes your lights, and you are subject not only to inconvenience, but arrest. Still they, the automobiles, have proved a staying factor in other cities. The hackmen are somewhat excited over the outcome while professing to scoff at the new machine. It is amusing to wonder what will be the popular name of the new vehicle, "Aut" or "Auto?" Automobile is quite a mouthful, yet, after all, since "bike" has given way to the original "bicycle," "automobile" may become a household word in Honolulu.

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